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Best Sleigh Riding in Northeast? The Hills of Frear Park Golf Course

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(January 5, 2005- TROY)- As the first snow of 2005 is falling on the Capital District, Troy Mayor Harry Tutunjian is inviting all residents in the area to enjoy some winter fun at one of the best places to sleigh ride in the Northeast.

According to the Winter 2005 issue of Unlimited- Action, Adventure, Good Times Magazine, Frear Park Golf Course is one of the Top 8 places for sledding in the entire Northeast, from Maryland to Maine. According to the issue of the magazine, "By midwinter, dozens of routes spider down the hills of this 247-acre park. And over time, natural and man made moguls appear, so you can practice your best midair moves in time to make the 2006 Olympics."

Tutunjian said Thursday he was proud of the acknowledgement, but was not surprised in the least.

"All you have to do is drive by the park after a fresh snowfall, or a weekend in February to see the joy on the faces of adults and kids alike," Tutunjian said. "This is a wonderful honor, and one I hope brings new people to Troy so they can experience what our great City has to offer."

This is the second time Frear Park has been mentioned in a publication recently. In 2003, Hudson Valley Magazine named Frear Park the Best Golf Course in the Hudson Valley. Tutunjian says the two honors will be used as a promotional tool to visitors and residents of Troy.

"This park is a crown jewel of the Capital District area, not just the City of Troy," Tutunjian said. "We will continue to promote the park to the best of our ability as it becomes a year-round destination for all families in upstate New York."

City Councilman Art Judge, the chairman of the parks and recreation committee, commended the honor, as he reflected on his days in the park.

"It certainly has been a sledding destination for more than 100 years," Judge said. "I remember going there when I was a kid, and I still enjoy taking my children there every winter. In fact, my daughter is anxiously awaiting the snow to come so she can have her birthday party up there as soon as the snow finally hits."